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SUCCESSFUL FATHER-SON SUPPER

The gathering of fathers and Cub Scouts held in the basement of the United Church, Thursday evening, was much better attended than had been hoped for, with nearly every lad out and accompanied by his dad, in some cases one adopted for the evening, but a 'dad' nevertheless. The supper itself was one to satisfy even the most ravenous Scout, and the finestest Dad. Uniting efforts by Mrs Art Hay were reflected in the smoothness with which the supper was carried through. All kinds of help

were given Mrs Hay by her three generous assistants, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Is and Mrs W. I. MacKenzie.

Following the dinner, the Chairman



SOROSIS NEEDS CO-OPERATION

The Strathmore Sorosis Society recently mailed to 28 local men of our armed forces overseas, Easter boxes valued at \$3.00 each, consisting of the following—coffee, tea, sugar, milk, fruit cake, Kik (mat), peanut butter, chocolate bars, gum, toffee, peanuts, tobacco and cigarette papers. This was a heavy undertaking for a society with little income and so the society's funds are nearly depleted. Members are requested to organize private teas or bridge parties at a charge of 25c per guest, with a minimum of \$2.00. Simple lunches to be served as at the card parties.

If bridge is being played, it is asked to keep the highest and lowest score so that a prize may be given when all parties are over.

A limit of five hands to be played at each party. Hostesses are requested to complete returns by end of April.

Meeting of Bow Valley A. T. A. Sub-Local

An interesting meeting organized by the Carlsland members of the Bow Valley A. T. A. Sub Local was held in the Strathmore High School Wednesday evening, March 11th.

After discussion centering around the minutes of the former meeting Mr Crowther reported on correspondence received concerning salary schedules and cost of living bonuses. Interesting charts showing complete data re salaries for all the Alberta school divisions were studied. In comparing figures for the Wheatland Division with the average for other divisions it was noted that the operation costs per room were relatively high while the percentage of total teachers' salaries to total income was lower than might be expected.

A letter from the provincial A. T. A. office stressed the importance to both teachers and school boards of organizing and making representations to the provincial government pressing for increased school grants to facilitate payment of cost of living bonuses to teachers.

The matter of a hospitalization scheme for teachers is also receiving attention and teachers are urged to express their wishes in this respect prior to their next A. G. M.

In dealing with the Sports Meet a resolution discouraging the inclusion of team games was adopted. Members acknowledged the value of such games but felt such additions would over-crowd an already cumbersome programme.

In pursuit of the Local's desire to promote general community social services it was decided to invite Dr. Summerville of High River as guest speaker for the April meeting. He is an enthusiastic proponent of the new Health Units. Local folk would be welcome and it would afford a splendid opportunity to clear points of criticism.

Mr MacKenzie, Carlsland, gave an interesting report on Health Units. Mr Worger of Carlsland, then gave a Book Review on the much discussed book "Union Now Street."

Interesting games and a delightful lunch helped to complete an unusually pleasant evening.

Allen R. Trimble.

25TH WEDDING CELEBRATION TENDERED MR. AND MRS. BEN MCKINNON, CARSLAND

About 300 people gathered at the Hall on Friday evening to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr and Mrs Ben McKinnon.

Mr Cntr Park officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and in his inimitable style made the presentation on behalf of the community and old timers.

Guests were present from Dalemead, Gleichen, Strathmore, Calgary, Langdon, Lylaita, Cheadle, Mossleigh, Indus, Bowden, Namaka, High River and Cluny.

A romantic touch was given when the bride and groom of 25 years ago led in a Grand March, followed by Mr Hil as best man and Mrs Barlow as bridesmaid, and all the assembled guests, to the strains Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs Walter Crowe.

A Wartime supper was served in the basement of the Hall where a table for pioneer residents was arranged. This table was prettily decorated with a quilt of the flowers and roses centred with the time honored wedding cake. Seated at this table were Mr and Mrs Ben McKinnon and sons Bennie and Louis; Mr and Mrs Bob Laurie, Mr and Mrs L. K. McKinnon, Calgary; Mr and Mrs Charlie McKinnon, Mr and Mrs Angus McKinnon; Mr Campbell Evans and Mr and Mrs Chas. Colwell, Dalemead; Mrs C. R. Park, Carlsland; Mr and Mrs B. F. Jones, and Mr R. E. Gray, Strathmore; Mr Campbell Evans and Mr Bob Haskayne, Gleichen.

Mr Park in a very choice worded address expressing the esteem all present felt for Mr and Mrs McKinnon, presented them with a handsome five piece silver service, with tray. Added to this was a lovely silver rose bowl from Calgary friends.

Mr and Mrs McKinnon each feelingly expressed their deep gratitude for the beautiful gift and the good will which prompted the celebration. Solos were rendered by Eric Barlow and Mrs Beattie (nee Eileen) Werling.

After all had partaken of the good things provided many whiled away the hours in dancing while others indulged in interesting reminiscence of earlier days and present day conditions.

The happy gathering concluded about 2.30 a.m. marking another interesting milestone in the Carlsland

community.

Mr and Mrs Walter Crowe and Mr and Mrs C. Peterson and family spent the week end at Drumheller visiting relatives and friends.

TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the Council at their meeting on Tuesday night moved to offer a piece of land in Hoffman subdivision to S. C. Sorenson for two years at fifteen dollars yearly, the same to be fenced by him, with permission to retain his own fence. Council reserves the right to sell to a bidder.

Bylaws started to become almost a commonplace at the meeting, as Bylaws Nos. 218, 219, and 220 went to the meeting and were all passed. The first of these was one asked for at the previous meeting, appointing M. B. Garrett assessor for the current tax year. The second, appointing L. M. Katterhagen, of Rockyford, auditor for this year, was also brought forward from the last meeting. The final one, No. 220, was an act bringing in to play for the year the provisions of the Consolidations Act.

A feature of the evening was a "quart" brought by one taxpayer. To the surprise of the audience, however, he felt that it would be an appreciated gesture, and with much gusto presented the bottle to the Mayor, as representative of the taxpayers. Council seemed to appreciate the generous offer, though none availed themselves of its promised pleasures. Most of the members feeling they were past the milk stage.

The town property committee reported on their actions in regard to the proposed "Caution" signs and were authorized to buy up to six signs, and erect them.

Tenders for a team were opened at the meeting, and subject to the regulations offered by the Town, a contract was awarded H. Boiservain.

Following a rather detailed statement illustrating the irregularities in the assessment of lots in the town, the Secretary was instructed to draw up a map of the town, showing in areas, the relative assessments in order to check the matter.

An inquiry having been received relative to purchasing an amount of wire owned by the Town, some discussion was held over the matter, but since the amount of wire in question was indeterminate, the matter was referred to the town property committee.

Application was received for one garden lot, but it was felt there would be more of them coming in, and this was referred to another meeting.

A report was received from the Fire and Light committee on their meeting with the executive of the Fire Brigade. The recommendations were made that the Town purchase and fund one hundred and fifty feet of hose this year, as it is felt that the annual replacement of a small amount of hose is much safer and more economical than the sudden replacement of all of it, when the entire amount is beyond use. In this connection, a suggestion was received that the Irrigation of town gardens be discouraged, as the returns were not sufficient to pay for the damage to the hose, and that if it were continued it would be wise to use the old lengths of hose first.

A regular cleaning out of the fire hall, at present rather dusty, was suggested in order. Purchase of a portable chemical extinguisher tank, was felt not necessary at present, and probably not safe, either—safe in the juvenile area, that is.

Rubber capes belonging to the brigade were reported as in remarkably good condition. It was feared that these might be as safe as a board after their almost interminable period of non-use. The rubber boots were, however, useless. Instead of spending more money on replacing these when

THE OUT-SIDE

During the last war the cry to South Alberta farmers was to plant more wheat. Today the exhortation is to plant more barley and oats and flax. We are sure Southern Alberta farmers will do their best.

Alaska Road Seen Boon To Alberta. Recent announcement that the U. S. highway to Alaska will be built through Alberta is regarded as one of major importance to this province, in the opinion of officials of the Alberta Motor Association.

At its last annual meeting, the A. M. A. passed a resolution favoring construction of this highway as speedily as possible and urged the full co-operation of the governments concerned.

The agreement between the U. S. and Canadian governments provide for this highway being returned to Canadian ownership after the war.

Undoubtedly Alberta will share important tourist benefits from this highway and it is essential that this province build its highway system up to a standard that will prove attractive to tourists.

Ultimately, thousands of U. S. tourists will travel through Alberta on their way northward and this province will gain in importance as one of the major tourist areas in the Dominion.

White Cliffs of Dover.

One day Mrs Margaret Kennedy, wife of the famous British song writer, Jimmy Kennedy, was feeling lonely in New York. Her husband was far away with His Majesty's forces in Wales, and her son was a very small infant, born since her arrival in America. She wandered into the office of her husband's U. S. music agency in Radio City, just for company—singing. There she was introduced to two young song-writers, Burton and Kent. They began talking about England and the bombing. In an attempt to make her feel less lonely, one of the song writers, Nat Burton said, "Don't worry, Mrs Kennedy, there'll be blonde birds over the white cliffs of Dover." He got no further than this sentence. A flash of inspiration passed between Burton and Kent and a song was born about England, and a little Jimmy, the baby just arrived, had a place in it. "And Jimmy will go to sleep, in his own little room again."

Scorched Earth.

"Scorched Earth"—a term first given currency by the Chinese—became synonymous in Russia with g.m. termination to sacrifice even national achievements—such as the great power plant at Dnepropetrovsk—to prevent their use by the enemy. Industrial works costing hundreds of millions have been blown up by the Duces.

This England.

This England never did, nor never shall lie at the proud foot of a conqueror. Come the three corners of the world in arms, And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue, If England to itself do prove but true. —King John, Act V, Scene 7, by William Shakespeare.

It is estimated that 30,000 men will be required to build the U. S.-Alaska road, and that the men will be brought in from the States.

For the busy Reader.—Annual convention of the Canadian Legion Dominion Command will be held in Winnipeg May 25-28.



STRATHMORE PUPILS IN RADIO QUIZ

Wednesday at 5 p.m. over CPN Strathmore radio were tuned in to hear the Quiz Programme in which two teams from the local High School were taking part. The teams as arranged by the pupils themselves comprised five boys vs. five girls. These were—Doris Frederick, Georgina Koch, Mary Backs, Helen Wilson, Elva Robinson, Leonard Wheeler, Bob Hagen, John Resseaux, Laurence Way and Walter Boiservain.

The pupils acquitted themselves creditably, despite some nervousness, the boys bringing home the bacon. Thanks is expressed to Messrs O. Wheeler and J. Robinson for driving the pupils to Calgary and return.

Principal Crowther accompanied the pupils.

COMING EVENTS

The Women's Institute of Nightingale is sponsoring a dance in Nightingale Hall, March 27th. Good music supplied by Mrs Whitaker's orchestra. Admission \$1.00 per couple, supper included.

The finals of the Log Cabin Hockey League will be played at the Arena in Calgary Tuesday, Mar. 24 at 7.30 p.m. Skating for everyone afterwards, so bring your skates and have a good time.

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VANCOUVER



In Vancouver it's always Hotel Grosvenor for those visitors who want economy along with comfort and centrality. Quiet sleep, quick service, quality meals! And yet room rates start around the \$2 mark. Around the corner from shopping, business and theatre districts, and the busy centre of town. Great lounge with open fireplace, writing rooms and an excellent dining room. Write for reservations as early as you can!



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OTTAWA SPOTLIGHT

(Weekly Review of National Affairs)
By M. McDOUGALL

Wheat Price Increase—
Ottawa, March 19—The grain policy of the government, designed to strengthen the economic position of the agricultural population of the West and to enable that great branch of the agricultural community of Canada to make its maximum and most effective contribution to the war effort has held the centre of the parliamentary stage for several days during the past week. The main features of the program are these—(1) The guaranteed price of wheat has been raised from 70 cents to 90 cents a bushel for number one Northern, delivered Fort William or Vancouver, this price to be paid for 280,000,000 bushels; (2) A minimum price of 60 cents a bushel for barley delivered at the head of the Great Lakes; (3) a minimum price of 45 cents for oats and (4) a fixed price of \$2.25 a bushel for flaxseed. In addition \$2 an acre is to be paid for land contended from wheat to coarse grain. This acreage bonus is not new. It is a continuance of a policy already in force but it forms a part of the rounded program.

Coarse Grains Needed—Livestock—
It has been pointed out very clearly that the increased price for wheat does not warrant any undue expansion in wheat acreage. Wheat sowing must be kept at reasonable levels. There will be a surplus of about 400 million bushels at the end of the present crop year. The four great wheat exporting nations, Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia will have a total surplus of about 1,300,000,000 bushels. The continent of Europe is closed as a market and except for small sales made elsewhere Britain is and will continue to be the main and practically the sole purchaser of Canadian wheat.

Government spokesmen have emphasized that to play its full part as food reservoir for the allied nations at war, Canada must increase its production of feed grains for livestock. Products urgently needed for shipment abroad as well as for home consumption are bacon, cheese, milk and butter. Western farmers should increase production of feed grain and livestock production to the "limit of their resources". With a fair wheat harvest and increased returns from produce other than wheat, it is estimated farm revenues in the prairie provinces should be about \$475,000,000 in 1942-43 compared with about only \$350,000,000 in the year 1941-42. These estimated revenues do not include direct Government subsidies. The standpoint of the government is that full consideration has to be given to the problems of the western farmers who have had six or seven poor years in the past decade, but that Canada is a nation in the throes of a war that strains its resources to the utmost and that in the present emergency the concessions to the Western farmers are the most that could be granted. They have heard but have not agreed to demands from some quarters that the price of wheat should be \$1.00 or as some have asked, \$1.50 a bushel.

April Recess.
There will be a recess of parliament between March 27 and April 20. One week after reconvening, on April 27 the people will cast their ballots in the manpower plebiscite. Whatever may have been their views which have been varied, on the principle of the plebiscite, the great majority of the members are anxious that the people will vote Yes on the ballot. It is felt that antipathy to the plebiscite may still obscure the issue in the minds of many people. Now that the plebiscite has definitely been decided upon, it is hoped by the great majority of members that the people will decide to release the government from its mora obligations and leave its hands free.

The stories of atrocities at Hong Kong have bitten deep into the hearts of people at Ottawa. As party leaders in the commons have warned, Canadians must not seek retribution from Japanese in this country. Close watch will be kept on activities of all Japanese resident in Canada, but retribution will come through a more determined will to crush the Axis powers. The menace that daily looms in more deadly form from the South Pacific as well as in Europe was recently placed very clearly before the people in a broadcast by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who was speaking on the Victory Loan. "Never in the world's history," he said "has the danger to civilization itself been comparable to what it is at this very hour. The survival of civilization is at stake. Now more than at any other time, the maximum efforts of the United Nations must be brought into action."

Polymer Rubber Co.—
The success of the Second Victory Loan has been very gratifying to the finance minister and the members of the organization who placed the loan before the Canadian public. It is felt that Canadians have met this test with credit, but of course it is realized that this is an hour when there can be no relaxing even for a minute. Adequate financing is just one weapon though an essential one, in the national arsenal.

One of the disagreeable practical results of Japan's encroachments in the Pacific has been that sources of supply of rubber have been cut off. The United States is already engaged on a vast enterprise for the production of synthetic rubber. Canada is now starting on a similar course. A government owned company known as Polymer Corporation Limited will produce synthetic rubber of the "buna" type made from butadiene and styrene. There will probably be four plants to carry on the three stages in the manufacturing process. The plants will be producing rubber by the end of 1943 and the output will be about 24,000 long tons per year. The entire output of the plants will be used for war purposes.

A CARNIVOROUS PLANT

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ALBERTA

STANDARD

Thursday, March 12th was an outstanding evening in the history of Standard Chapter, No. 76, Order of the Eastern Star. It was the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Grace B. Shaw. She was accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Wagner, of Unity Chapter, Calgary. Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. L. Leverington, Worthy Matron of Vulcan Lodge, Vulcan, Alberta. Many other visitors were present too— from Alberta Star Chapter, Gleichen, Rockyford Chapter and Hussar Chapter.

Mrs. Edith Channey, Worthy Matron of Standard Chapter, welcomed the distinguished guests in a very charming manner. All other guests were also warmly welcomed by the members of Standard Chapter. The highlights of the evening was the beautiful initiation ceremony when two elderly ladies, Mrs. Marie Jensen and Mrs. Annie Phillips, both of Chancellor, became members of Standard Chapter. A touching little ceremony took place at the conclusion of the initiation when Mrs. Edna Hobbs presented her Mother, Mrs. Jensen, with an Eastern Star Pin. Mrs. Phillips was also the recipient of a Star Pin, the presentation being made by her daughter in law, Mrs. Maude Phillips. During this little ceremony, Mrs. Emmy Hansen sang very beautifully "Mother."

The Worthy Grand Matron gave a very inspiring address for the Good of the Order. Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Wagner called on the Chapter members to carry on their war work with ever greater zeal. Associate Grand Patron, E. A. Wagner, a member of Standard Chapter, was also called on for a few words.

Later in the evening a delicious lunch was served at tables very appropriately decorated in green and

white, carrying out the St. Patrick's Day motif. During the supper hour toasts were proposed to "The King," Grand Chapter, The Visitors, Mrs. M. Moffat of Hussar Chapter, proposed the toast to Standard Chapter. Mrs. Emmy Hansen delighted the guests with two very lovely solos. "Thank God for a Garden" and "The Holy City", both were very much appreciated. Mrs. Payne Knowlton gave a gay little Irish reading, "Mrs. Malone and the Censor." Mrs. House, Sr. of Gleichen, played a piano solo. It is not often that such an elderly musician can perform so gracefully when called upon for an impromptu number. Mr. Harry Channey, the capable Worthy Patron of Standard Chapter acted as Toastmaster. A very unique and delightful evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Parents of the Intermediate and Junior High School pupils were entertained on Friday afternoon in Mr. Cuthbertson's room of the Dana School.

Two short plays were enacted, first "The Mudville Gentleman's Aid" by the Intermediate pupils, needless to say it caused much merriment, especially among the members of the English Ladies Aid, who were invited to attend.

The Junior High School pupils put on a play, called "Madame Camellia's Beauty Parlor". Marvellous and astonishing indeed, were the results and cures of Madame Camellia's Beauty Preparations. Great credit is due to all those taking part, also to those responsible for make up and properties. Undoubtedly parents and friends will be looking forward to the next dramatic efforts of the School Pupils.

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NOT ALL MECHANIZED

Despite mechanization, there are still horses and mules in the Australian Imperial forces in the Middle East and units of the "Purple Cross" services operate throughout Australia to send them "first aid."

The first English pigs were made of clay. These have been manufactured for 350 years.

The ocean is at least 500 to 780 million years old, by recent geological calculation.

NO SIX-IN-ONE APPEAL THIS YEAR

(By Hon. J. T. Thorson)

The government has found it necessary to decide upon a change of policy in the matter of financing the requirements of such national auxiliary services organizations as the Canadian Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the Navy League of Canada. Up to the present these national auxiliary service organizations, with the exception of The Navy League of Canada, have obtained the funds necessary for them to carry on their auxiliary services—of a recreational and off-duty nature—to the members of the armed forces of Canada at home and abroad through national appeals for funds to the public of Canada.

Prior to 1941 these organizations carried on separate public appeals, but in March, 1941, they united in a joint public appeal. Their objective was set at \$5,500,000, but this objective was exceeded and approximately \$7,000,000 was received from the Canadian public. These funds were held by the Canadian War Services Fund, incorporated and released from time to time to the organizations as required. The total budgets of all these organizations were estimated at from seventeen to twenty million dollars.

The heavy financial demands upon the government for the efficient prosecution of the war and the additional amount required during the coming fiscal year for war purposes made it necessary for the government to give careful reconsideration to the plans for the joint public appeal for funds which had been proposed.

The government has now decided to finance from the public Treasury the requirements of the Canadian Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. for the rendering of their auxiliary services to the members of the armed forces of Canada, at home and abroad in military establishments in camp or barracks areas in Canada, special defence areas as

designated by the Director of Auxiliary Services and the National War Charities Funds Advisory Board, Newfoundland and Overseas. The hostel operations of The Navy League of Canada for the men of the Navy and the Mercantile Marine will also be included.

There will therefore be no public appeal for funds this year by the above mentioned six organizations.

Similar action is, however, not possible in respect of the Canadian Red Cross Society. This organization must continue to be of a voluntary nature in order to maintain its international character and its convention obligations.

Probably in June—There will therefore be a national drive for funds by the Canadian Red Cross Society during the late spring of this year.

It is estimated that the amount which the Canadian Red Cross Society will seek from the public in its next public appeal will be for more than \$5,000,000. This appeal for funds will run concurrently with the government's programme of financial appeals.

ROCKYFORD

— By K. M. G. —

The Ladies Aid Society met at the church parlors on Thursday, March 12th, when a splendid attendance was reported. The president Mrs. Mary Bragg conducted the business of the day, which consisted principally of arrangements for the Easter tea and sale of home cooking. This will be held in the large hall on Saturday afternoon, April 4th. At the social hour the ladies were invited to the church dining room where a long table was tastefully set for the lunch, by the hostesses Mrs. G. Pomroy and Mrs. Piggins and a very pleasant hour was spent. The Ladies Aid made a presentation to Mrs. Stan Birt of a hand worked lunch cloth, as a remembrance of pleasant times together. Mr. and Mrs. Birt leave this week for their new home probably in Calgary.

Mr. Keith Williams who has been in the Pilot's Training unit at Saskatoon is home for a 10 days leave.

Mr. Wm. Rudd is in the Bassano Hospital, as there was no room in Calgary when he took ill in Friday last. Mr. W. T. Rudd returned from Calgary on Friday and is feeling better and we hope he will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Busch are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter in Calgary. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Jimme Dahm of the R. C. A. F. is spending a few days at his home. He has been training at Macleod and received his wings a short time ago.

Out of every 100 persons rejected for life insurance by a major company, 27 had high blood pressure, 24 indulged excessively in liquor and 21 had serious heart impairments.

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In Canada we are familiar with graded products of great variety. Our grains, butter, cheese, eggs, apples and many other products are graded.

In many of these products weight is a factor in determining the final grade and consequently the price received. The same is true of hogs and substantial discounts are in effect for hogs that are of improper weights for top grades.

Guessing the weight of live hogs is not satisfactory for only a superman could be accurate enough to be right each time. Every time the producer guesses incorrectly he loses money. Weighing the pigs regularly as they approach market weight is the only satisfactory method. Many people do not have scales suitable for this purpose. To overcome this difficulty the Dominion Department of Agriculture developed a scale that has been made available to hog producers at cost.

A goodly number of these scales has been distributed in Southern Alberta from the Experimental Station, but in relation to the number of hog raisers it may be assumed that only a small proportion are weighing their pigs before sale. It only takes the money lost on four or five off weight hogs to pay for a scale, and figure out for yourself how many scales you have paid for without getting one. How much money are you throwing away?

"WE'VE NEVER BEEN NEUTRAL . . ."



Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Chief of Naval Operations Harold Stark, testified before the House foreign affairs committee holding hearings on the revision of the Neutrality Act. Secretary Knox said, "We have never been neutral. We should put a period to this piece of national hypocrisy." Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Chief of Naval Operations Harold Stark and Chairman of the Committee Representative Sol Bloom of New York are pictured ABOVE.

Mrs. Art Sangster is doing nicely at the General Hospital after her recent appendicitis operation. The family spent Sunday in Calgary visiting with her.

The Saturday night Theatre is becoming a popular spot. Next Saturday the play will be "Hold Back the Dawn" with Charles Boyer and Claudette Colbert.

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THE CURFEW

QUITE a number of Alberta towns are reviving the Curfew law. The latest to adopt the plan is High River.

We recommend it as an excellent idea, particularly with this Daylight Saving Institution now in force.

Children seldom have much idea about time, and with the long bright evenings of spring and summer approaching they just will not think it is time to stop play.

The alarm will ring at the early hour in the morning notwithstanding, hence one hour of sleep is lost.

Furthermore public streets are neither desirable nor safe playgrounds for young children.

If the rule of early hours is firmly established in the home all well and good, the Curfew is not needed. But where laxity in this question prevails the enforced ruling established by the ringing of a Curfew Bell would result in less nervous mothers, healthier,

thus happier children, fewer acts of destruction, and children will be where they should be, in their homes at a reasonable hour.

The following paragraph from the Lacombe Globe gives the rules passed there which do not savor of hardship. The Lacombe Town Council—

"That this council accede to the request of the signers to a petition circulated and presented by officers of the Lacombe Home and School association requesting the sounding of a time signal at 9:30 p.m. on each night during the week excepting Friday and Saturday when it will be sounded at 10 p.m. Time signal to be sounded on the fire bell at the fire hall under the supervision of the Committee on Police and By-laws and to represent the time when all children under the age of sixteen years shall be off the streets as provided by By-law G-32 passed on the 19th day of April, 1938. The curfew to become effective on and after Monday, February 23, 1942."

"CRIPPS IS A BIG MAN"

(From a London Cable to the Financial Post, Toronto)

Rise of Sir Stafford Cripps is one of the most astonishing things in political history. He has three attributes of success, talent, sincerity and luck. It is still to be demonstrated that he has the fourth attribute, which is judgment.

Luck has played an astonishing part in his career. He was made solicitor-general in 1929 by Ramsay MacDonald before he had even been M. P. In fact, he was acting as solicitor-general while the Labor Party was still trying to find a parliamentary seat for him. From 1931 until the war he was a political free lance, made such extremist speeches on the left side of politics that the Socialists finally expelled him from the party. When war came he made a splendid gesture. He threw up his legal practice, which must have been worth \$25,000, and offered his services to the Government with no remuneration.

With that adroitness and compromise which is the essence of British public life, he was sent as Ambassador to Moscow. Eventually, when Russia came into the war and began to fight so superbly, the enthusiasm of the British public spread illogically to Cripps himself. It was almost as if he, not Adolf Hitler, had brought Russia in. That was luck. If he had been sent to Tokyo as ambassador he would not be leader of the British House today, but so highly did the country regard him that Churchill had to give him office. Cripps refused the Ministry of Supply, but in the final reshuffle was given his present important post. Is the British public wrong about this man?

Do not think so. Foreigners have said that when the British think they are always wrong, but when they feel, they are nearly always right. They have a feeling that Cripps is a big man. For what it is worth I share that opinion.

—TRAIN SCHEDULE—

Strathmore—
 Going West No. 1 8:57 p.m.
 Going East No. 2 8:03 a.m.
 Carleton—
 Going East No. 4 9:08 p.m.
 Going West No. 3 8:52 a.m.

Pot Pourri

The Big Baboon is found upon The plains of Cariboo;
 He goes about with nothing on (A shocking thing to do.)
 But if he dressed respectably And let his whiskers grow
 How like this Big Baboon would be To mister So and So,
 ("The Big Baboon," by Hilaire Belloc).

As a friend to the children, commend me the Yak,
 You will find it exactly the thing; It will carry and fetch, you can ride on its back,
 Or lead it about with a string.

The Tartar who dwells on the plains of Thibet
 (A desolate region of snow), Has fortuncies made it a nursery pet,
 And surely the Tartar should know!

Then tell your papa where the Yak can be got,
 And if he is awfully rich, He will buy the creature—or else he will not
 (I cannot be positive which). ("The Yak," by Hilaire Belloc).

When I am dead, I hope it may be said—
 "His skins were scarlet, but his books were read."
 ("Epigram" on His Books," by Hilaire Belloc).

to do your duty when it calls.

Following is an editorial reprinted from Saturday's Herald:

THIS IS EVERYBODY'S WAR

WE HAVE been calling this war "a young man's war." There has been no place in the fighting ranks for the older man. His job is at home, maintaining the ordinary function of business, aiding financially, making sure that our boys in the services would not be wanting.

But that was before Hong Kong, before Burma, before Singapore. Now it is everybody's war. Australia, with the revelations of Hong Kong a good of horror, has called up all its available manpower. Men up to the age of 60 are learning how to handle their weapons.

The danger to Canada is almost as immediate. The enemy can strike from a dozen points. Yet we in Canada are not awake to our peril, are not taking the action that the situation demands.

Yesterday, officers of the local military district voiced an appeal to men over the age of 35 to join the reserve army.

COMMAND YANKS IN IRELAND



Major-General Russell P. Harle commands the force of United States troops that has landed in northern Ireland. Announcement of the arrival was made in Washington, but the war department refused to make public the designation of the units, composition or



● 1939 FORD COACH—

● 1937 FORD COACH—

● 1934 CHRYSLER SEDAN—

● 1931 FORD COUPE—

● 1928 FORD COUPE—

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● 1940 FORD 3 TON TRUCK—

● 1937 FORD 2 TON TRUCK—

● 1935 FORD 2 TON TRUCK—

● 1935 FORD LIGHT DELIVERY—

● 1934 CHEVROLET Light Delivery—

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Older men have, in some ways, a greater responsibility than the younger men who now form the bulk of our fighting services. The older man has his home, his family, his hopes of peaceful security. Surely they are enough to make him join these reserve units, train his two nights a week, and become a capable militiaman able to meet his enemies on even terms, and not a guerrilla with no other training than will allow him to snipe from the hills and the forests while the enemy comfortably make themselves at home in his home.

School Board estimates for the year were brought in, and amounted to eight thousand dollars.

A new ruling has been received on soldier's tax exemptions, and some time was spent in discussion of this.

An application for layland was received, but it was felt that there was still plenty of time before these would be useful, and in view of circumstances, this was referred to a later meeting.

Acknowledgment was received from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities of membership fees paid.

Some discussion was held over who the "Jessica" who signed the receipt would likely be. Some doubt as to the gender of "Jessica" was expressed, but it was finally decided it would likely be a lady.

A cost of living bonus amounting to ten dollars a month was awarded the secretary and the utility man for a six month period, starting January first, and subject to revision according to the index figure at the end of June.

Accounts amounting only to \$38.50 were passed. This is the lowest amount to have been presented in ages.

Instructions were made to go ahead with the rebuilding of the sidewalk on Third street from the Strathmore Hotel to the corner at John Taylor's. This walk was in bad need of repair, and will now be completed before the rush of spring work.

Thettie of rabbi is accorded Jewish scholars of eminence, as well as those in the military.

TOWN

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the new ones might never be used either. It was felt that firemen should report any damage to their own shoes—which they nearly always wear in any case—and Council would have to make good the loss.

Two streetlamps which are not operating were reported, and they will be fixed, if this had not been done at time of the meeting. A trouble-shooter from the power company was in town Tuesday, and they might have been fixed by him at the time. Reference was made to the possibility of the possible deprivations of lovelorn youth, but this idea was discounted emphatically by members present.

Notice that an old-age pension had been granted was received, and approved by members.

WORLD'S WEEK

BY HAROLD L. WEIR

Associate Editor and Daily Columnist of the Edmonton Bulletin

Rumors persist of a projected British offensive on the European continent.

While divers prophets predict that the assault will be made on Italy, on occupied France or even against the German coast itself, the consensus of opinion centres upon Norway.



It is felt by many that the recapture of Norway would constitute the cheapest and least hazardous move it would be possible to make against Hitler's Europe.

This belief is supported by the known fact that the Norwegians are stirred, as never before, against Nazi rule.

For instance, the whole hierarchy of the Norwegian church and at least nine-tenths of all the school teachers in the country are now in open revolt against puppet premier Maj. Vidkun Quisling and his backers.

All seven bishops of the church have resigned while 9,000 teachers in the public schools have refused to belong to the Nazified teachers' association, membership in which is required of all those teaching in the schools.

Quisling and the Nazis have been thrown into a state of complete confusion by this situation and are making desperate efforts either to conceal the facts or to repair the damage. While all seven bishops resigned on February 24, the Nazis have only dared to announce the resignations of two of them and have completely falsified the circumstances which led to them.

Faced by a complete breakdown of the educational system, they have closed all schools for one month "because of the hard winter." Grape vine and secret patriotic news sheets have been able to give the real facts to the people.

This is a situation which many believe should be exploited immediately by those who wish to add a stroke to free Norway and deliver a blow against Nazi domination.

As an obvious consequence of the British bombing of Paris industrial suburbs, and the now admitted death of 369 victims, the Geneva International Association called "Lieux De Geneva" affiliated with the Red Cross has published a world-wide appeal to all belligerents, recalling their numerous pledges not to attack civilian populations.

The "Lieux De Geneva" was founded at the time of the Spanish civil war.

"Your pledge meant," said the appeal, which was distributed to foreign correspondents throughout Switzerland, "that murderous attacks on women, children, the old and the crippled should not occur."

The association's appeal proposed that all belligerent governments create "white zones" not subject to bombing attacks.

The region of Mount Rainer, Washington, the heaviest known snowfall in the United States.

NORMAN PRIESTLEY ADDRESSES U. F. A.

A meeting of the Strathmore Local U. F. A. was held in the Dining Room of the Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 14th.

Mr. Norman F. Priestley of the U. F. A. Co-Operative Association was present to address the gathering.

Mr. Priestley first spoke on the marketing of livestock, especially in the northern and central parts of the province, through the Co-Operative Live Stock Selling Agency, and pointed out that the same was under consideration for the southern Alberta districts, which would be, all south of Didsbury, and that a meeting was held at the Labor Temple in Calgary on Monday, March 16, for that purpose.

He then went on to speak of the Co-Operative Machinery Ltd. He spoke of the Co-Operative "Tractor" which was the first item to be made under this scheme, and the satisfaction it had given, and the saving in cash compared with other makes, when bought through the Co-Operative enterprise. Other articles of machinery bought co-operatively would be used to the same advantage. One of the chief advantages would be that it would reduce the cost of the article, through the elimination of too many salesmen, servicemen, collectors, etc., which all had to be paid out of the cost of the machine, which made the cost of the machine all too high. Take the case of the Cream Separator. The cost of this machine is about 200 per cent too high compared to what it would be if everyone bought Co-Operatively.

Another form of reducing this high cost of machinery would be to standardize all machinery. That would eliminate all of the little gadgets which are so often claimed by their makers to be just so much better than that of other makes, all of which the purchaser of machinery is paying for.

Mr. Priestley spoke about the way the Co-Operatives are going ahead, especially in Saskatchewan, and said there is no doubt that after this war, the Co-Op. will advance still further.

After the address the meeting was open to questions which proved most interesting. The chief questions and discussions were with regards to the standardization of machinery.

After a few remarks from the chairman Mr. Harold Scheer, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Priestley to which he replied, stating that it was a great pleasure for him at any time to come to Strathmore.

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"WHY I BELIEVE IN THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE"

By William Girvin

In recent years, certain countries have adopted non-democratic ways of living, so we, in our country, started to look more critically on our democratic view point.

On September 3, 1939, we decided definitely that our way of life was preferable to Totalitarianism, and furthermore, in order to survive at all, we would have to remove such threats as Nazism or Fascism.

In the Totalitarian countries complete control of every activity is maintained by placing military civil power in the hands of one man or group of men. The individual ceases to be human, and becomes merely a cog in the wheel. Under such conditions, it is obvious that a great deal of natural ability is thus wasted through lack of that freedom of expression which we enjoy in Democracy.

Hitler's theory is to divide mankind into masses, Master and Slave. Under this system, the master class or race loses all standards of right and wrong. To do wrong is right if it is for the benefit of the master race. Nobody dare interfere with this superior class. The leaders carefully nurture a hatred of all opposing peoples. This hatred is indeed mighty for which can be focused in any direction by a skilled leader. Evidence of this has been seen in the strong hatred shown by the Nazis against the first Co-Operativists, then the Jews, and the Poles and at the present time against the British. One of the main policies of Democracy is the striving for more tolerance of all races and creeds. Hitler's aim is world domination. He plans to get this by unscrupulous lying and cheating, even of his own people. By this method, by his own admission, Hitler has established among the German people the belief that they are a superior race. The leader, who under the spell of the leader, gets himself into the hypnotic state where he believes that he and those associated with him are superior to others will in the course of time reach the stage where, to him, there is no God. He and his group are supreme they do not worship graven images, they worship themselves. Thus, in a civilization developed on a belief in one God, this twentieth century paganism is much worse and more dangerous than that of our heathen ancestors.

The Dictators have devised a high pressure technique of mass propaganda. By means of this comparatively new but powerful weapon, a vicious and ill advised race is created through a maze of misconceptions, born of illiberalism and manipulated by lying. This race provides the driving force which the Dictator harnesses to his war machine. Such deliberate, totally unscrupulous lying is disgusting to an honest man brought up to believe in the teachings of the Bible. This extremely effective weapon has also been used very effectively in spreading the Nazi Gospel from one country to another. Fifth column activities have been very successful in undermining the political strength of a morale of the various nations listed in Hitler's "date book." One of the most amazing examples of the use of the fifth column is the fantastic and clever scheme by which Hitler saturated Norway with German tourists and refugees for the sole purpose of gaining the confidence of the Norwegian people in preparation for the sudden blow which completely overpowered this nation.

It is well known that during a war, armies of spies are valuable weapons for both sides; but to cover a nation with a vast system of secret agents, while pretending peaceful relations, goes against the natural sense of fair play in any person.

This idea of fair play constitutes one of the main obligations of a Democratic individual. Behind the gigantic opposing forces in this war, there is a still greater force — the faith of ultimate freedom, not freedom not governed by a Dictator but guided by that sense of fair play which exists as a conscience in the mind of every Christian. I believe in the "Democratic Way of Life," because only by "Democracy" can this freedom ultimately be obtained.

This evening, when our country is

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at war, we have enjoyed one of the essential privileges of Democracy in having the opportunity of discussing freely both the rights and wrongs of Democracy. I feel that we should thank the Local Council of Women, itself a democratic organization, for arranging this contest. I thank you.

William Girvin's father, Dr. Girvin was a much beloved physician and highly esteemed citizen of Strathmore's pioneer days. Dr. Girvin came to Strathmore in 1908 when the C.P.R. was putting in the Irrigation system, requiring a large number of work-

men. Dr. Girvin was at various times a member of town council and school board, president of board of trade, was an accomplished musician and bandman.

In 1910 his marriage to Miss Nellie Morris took place. Three children were born, Evangeline, Romola and William.

In 1926 Dr. Girvin sold out his practice to Dr. Giffen, Sr. and removed to Calgary. Following his death about two years later, Mrs. Girvin and children removed to Kingston, where the children have excelled in educational lines.

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— By H. M. A. —

Mrs. E. Olsen entertained the bridge
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Mr. Jim Godfrey visited at Mrs.
Brooks home last Saturday evening.
Mr. Godfrey gave some very fine piano
selections.
Ardenode was well represented at
the U. F. A. meeting at Nightingale.

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cepting first Sunday of the month,
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Sunday Services—
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School and
Morning Congregation.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Miss Lisbeth Robertson of India
will speak in these services and at
W. M. S. Tea at Mrs. White's on Sat-
urday, March 21st.

Since the outbreak of the Second
World War in all the world, "not one
missionary has been withdrawn from
active service because of the lack
of financial support." Extract from re-
port of the International Missionary
Council in 1940 and 1941 a sum of
\$1,645,588 was given by churches to
carry on the world sister churches of
Continental Europe could not carry
on.

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Rev. Leslie T. H. Pearson, B.A., L.Th.
Lent V.—Passion Sunday, March 22
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Evensong.
11 a.m.—Nightingale.

Wednesday, March 25th—
7:00 p.m.—Junior Choir Practice.
8:00 p.m.

Lenten Service and War Intercessions
Lenten Theme—The Kingdom of
God, as set forth in the Gospel of St.
Mark.

Topic for the evening—Kingship,
Human and Divine.

Thursday, March 26—

9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Monday, March 30—9:30 - 9:45 p.m.

Bishop Sherman's Broadcast, CFCN

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Rev. W. A. Raedeke, Pastor.

Sunday, March 22nd, 1942—
2:45 p.m.—Divine Service.

Topic—"My Kingdom is Not Of
This World."

3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

8:30 p.m.—Lutheran Hour CFCN

THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

By DAN. E. C. CAMPBELL
Director of Publicity

● With the Alaska Highway now in
the first stages of construction, gov-
ernment circles are bent on main-
taining the campaign for the actual Mac-
kenzie river route, which is considered
best of all. The present road, it is
obvious, is intended as a feeder and
an auxiliary to the chain of airports
which was constructed since the war
began. That work on the project is
considered urgent is evidenced by
the great quantities of equipment now
being rushed by rail to the end of
steel.

● Northern Expansion Resulting From
New Highway—

Economic aspects of the new route
are considered of great importance to
Alberta. The vast mineral resources
of the North country will be brought
within feeder distance of the main
road, and development of these will
in turn create markets for northern
agricultural products. It has been
rumored that British capital will seek
areas in the north for post-war de-
velopment, and that this will attract pop-
ulation which will form the basis of a
new industrial empire.

● A call for 1,000 additional A. R. P.
workers has been sounded in Edmon-
ton by the V.V.R., provincial home
guard organization of veteran fight-
ing men which is engaged in local
raid precautions. The V.V.R. acted as
wardens in the recent trial blackout,
and now intends to create a well
trained and capable organization pre-
pared for anything.

● U. of A. Blood Processing Plant—

Through the co-operation of the
provincial minister of Health, Dr. W.
V. Cross, and Dr. Robert Newton, ac-
ting president of the university, space
to house a Red Cross blood processing
plant will be made available in the
university buildings. Technical super-
vision of the plant and its operation
will be exercised by the provincial
laboratory and the department of
biochemistry. Blood donated by Ed-
montonians will be processed into
plasma for use in Alberta and for
shipment to other Red Cross centres.
A total of 4,000 donors is sought, and
there are three enrolment depots, at
the Banque Canadienne Nationale, the
Garneau Theatre foyer and a store-
site near 101 street and 102 avenue,
in the downtown district.

● Prohibit Enemy Aliens
Buying Land—

Among new bills introduced in the
Legislature are— a bill to prohibit
Hutterites or enemy aliens from buy-
ing lands for the war's duration.

—Dept. of Agriculture Notes—

● Flax Seed Gains Importance—

Flax seed has become a very im-
portant product in recent months be-
cause of its high oil content. Veget-
able oil sources in the far east have
been closed to the United Nations by
the Japanese and it is now necessary
that these products be obtained else-
where.

Flax can be grown in many dis-
tricts of Alberta with very satisfac-
tory results. There are just three var-
ieties recommended by the Alberta
Varietal Zonation Committee—Bis-

on, Royal and Redwing. Bion and Roy-
al are recommended for the South
east of Zone 1, while in Zone 2 the
three are suitable. In Zones 3 and 4
Redwing is the recommended variety.
The Dominion Government recently
emphasized the need for flax and ask-
ed that the acreage in 1942 be dou-
bled. Alberta grew 150,000 acres of
flax in 1940. The acreage in flax in
1941 compared with 42,000 acres
in 1941 in Alberta was the largest ever
sown and was 11,000 acres above the
previous record in 1917.

NAMAKA

By M. W.

The February meeting of the Na-
maka Red Cross was held at Mrs.
Watt's home with a very good attend-
ance. The usual business matters
were attended to and the supplies
sent to headquarters for the month
were 19 sheets, 39 pillow cases, 6 cal-
ces, (Women's Aux.), 5 pairs Seamen
stockings, 6 turtle neck sweaters,
(navy), 1 child's afghan for refugee
children, made by Namaka school
children, and 3 change bags. The
March meeting will be at Mrs. Colpo's
home.

The Ladies Aid met at Mrs. Loy
Wheeler's Thursday, March 12, with
fourteen members present. The Rev.
Hunthard large of the devotional pe-
riod and gave a very interesting talk
very much enjoyed by all. We hope
he will be present again soon. After
the business, Mrs. Hunt took charge
of the social part which took the
form of a contest. All spent a
merry quarter of an hour guessing
the answers, several getting fifteen
or sixteen correct by the eighteen
questions, after which Mrs. Wheeler
served a delicious lunch. The next
meeting will be at Mrs. Watt's home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson motored
to Didsbury last Saturday and spent
the day with Mrs. Johnson's niece and
husband Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Bragg is hatching these days.
Mrs. Bragg is spending the week with
her parents in Rocford, returning
with them after their spending Sun-
day last in Namaka at the Bragg home.

Under the auspices of the Govern-
ment Dept. of Agriculture an interest-
ing meeting was held in Namaka
School Tuesday evening, when an
Oat Club was formed, with 16 mem-
bers joining. Jerome Hanson was
elected President. A talk on hog feeding
was given by Mr. Whitehead, which ar-
oused an interesting discussion. An
interesting film, Bacon for Britain,
was shown.

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(By Gordon Lindsay Smith)

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of these will supply many meals for
a small family.

Lawn Works
Grass is a cool weather plant. Any
work with lawn should be started just
as quickly in the Spring as possible.
Experts point out, however, that this
does not mean that the soil should be
worked while it is still wet. That sort
of thing never helps in any kind of
gardening. But one can walk over the
ground without getting shoes muddy,
then the rake can be brought into
play.

In both new lawns or patching, the
soil should be raked fine and level.
Authorities advise sowing only the
highest quality of seed mixtures and
as thick as directions specify. To get
even results it is best to make a dou-
ble sowing, one across and once
lengthwise. Small patches can be pro-
tected from the birds by brush.

Both new and old lawns benefit
from rolling while the ground is still
soft. Grass, like any other plant, bene-
fits from rich soil and an annual ap-
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MANY PEOPLE STILL USE "TUBES" FOR RAIDS

This is the twelfth in the series of articles written exclusively for the weekly newspapers of Canada by Hugh Templin, editor of the *Fergus News-Record*. He flew to Great Britain as a guest of the British Council and was given an opportunity to see what is being done in Britain, Ireland and Portugal in wartime.

This series has stretched out and this story will complete the twelve that I originally planned to write. It seems that there has been so much to tell—much more than I thought when I arrived back in Canada.

For the twelfth story, I am choosing one of the simplest of them all, and yet one of the hardest to do. So many people want to know what London is really like in wartime, with the blackout and the bombing. So many ask for a description, yet it is hard to describe London, as one really sees it, particularly at night when the eye sees little. There have been so many descriptions and yet most of them fail to paint a true picture.

Perhaps I should not try, when so many experts have failed. But it ought to be easy enough. I'll take one evening walk and tell about it, as I wrote it down after reaching twilight and warmth of my room at the Savoy.

It was the night of October 1st, and, and, a it happened, the anniversary

of my wedding—the first time I had been away from home on that date in 20 years of married life. It was my turn to broadcast a message to Canada that night and I had sent my wife a cable to be listening. I hoped she would hear my voice, at least.

The British Broadcasting House is in the West End of London. Perhaps you have seen pictures of it in days of peace. It has been an enemy target and it looks rather different now, but we thought it had been designed with bombing in mind, for much of it is underground. We decided that when the Hun knocks a bit off the top, the staff just moves down one storey farther into the cellar, but I cannot vouch for that.

It isn't an easy building to enter, for it is guarded by both police and soldiers. One has to have a pass and a definite appointment to get past the soldier who stands with fixed bayonet beside a portable bomb shelter in the main hallway.

It was about 10.30 when I came out, showing another pass at the door before I could get out. I had done my broadcast from a basement room, two storeys below the surface of the earth. It hadn't been an ordeal. In spite of the sign that said "We would be warned if enemy bombers were directly overhead, and would we please continue as long as possible after the first warning sounded. There is much less formality about the broadcasting in the BBC than in stu-

dios on this side of the ocean. I soon felt quite at home. When the director learned about the anniversary, he insisted that I add a personal message to my wife. I appreciated his thoughtfulness.

There was no taxi in sight, as I came out into the blackout, but it was a moonlight night and I was used to the blackness by this time, so I started off. It isn't hard to find one's way in London. The moon was in the south and the Thames lay in that direction. At a corner in Regent street, I stopped to check up with a policeman. He was standing outside his little brick bomb-shelter. Every main corner has one of them. They would not hold more than two or three persons, huddled close together, but they do give protection from blasts and flying splinters.

The constable seemed surprised when I asked if I was heading in the right direction for the Savoy.

"Yes sir," he said, "You are—but it's a long way, sir. You wouldn't be thinking of walking that far?"

I assured him I was and wondered if any constable in any other large city in the world would have been so polite about it.

I had my little pocket torch—the kind we call "pen-lights" in Canada. Even that was too bright for the London blackout, unless covered with a layer of blue tissue paper. That night, I had no need of it. The moon gave light enough.

The main streets in the West End have suffered from the bombing. As I walked along, it seemed that the vacant spaces were at more or less regular distances. It seemed as though

a German pilot might have gone up one side of the street and down the other, letting his high explosives drop as quick as he could turn the bomb lever.

I was passing a block of stately apartment houses. Most of them appeared to be intact. Then there was a gap where several had been blown out into the street. The rubble that had been cleared away, but the moon shone down on a blank white wall, studded here and there with little fireplaces and against the sky a row of about 20 chimneys stood silhouetted against the midnight blue.

In the next block, it was stores that had suffered. Sometimes the window was just a great, gaping hole and the inside of the store wasn't there. On either side, the windows had been boarded up, but the stores were evidently carrying on, though I couldn't read what was on the little signs nailed to the boards.

No lights of any kind were to be seen except the traffic lights at the main corners and the single, shaded headlamps of approaching cars. The traffic lights were tiny red and green crosses cut in sheets of metal that had been fitted over the lenses. The red and green looked rather decorative, but when the yellow came on, it looked unlawfully bright for the five seconds it remained. The car lights made only dim moving circles on the pavement as they passed.

I caught myself, bye and bye, in Piccadilly Circus. Loyal Londoners claim that this has the busiest traffic of any place on earth in normal times. It is certainly the case on occasional taxi-cab-stopped, and buses with their windows covered with some opaque substance with tiny holes scraped in the centre of each window pane so that a passenger can look out with a single eye. The statue of Eros is no longer seen in the centre of the Circus. It is covered with a cone-shaped protection against bombs and the boards on the outside are plastered with signs advising the onlooker to buy bonds. (I saw them in daylight several times.)

I had missed a tour of the air raid shelters a few nights before, but I recalled that the most famous of them all was in the Underground station below Piccadilly Circus. I went down the stairs and into the bright light of the station.

My travelling before that time had been above ground. This was my first visit to the Underground. The streets may have seemed deserted but there were lights and action and crowds below the surface. A long line moved slowly past a window marked 1-2d and another line past the 2d ticket. Moving stairways seemed to go down into the bowels of the earth in every direction. Evidently this was just the vestibule.

Sleeping Under the Ground— I appealed to another constable. I explained who I was, where I had come from and what I wanted to see. He called to another man in blue uniform. "Here, mate, will you watch things for me for a few minutes," and then herded me past a ticket turnstile and down an escalator. It was 75 feet long or more, but that was just the beginning. We walked down some stone steps and took another escalator for another 80 feet or so, past rows of theatre posters and other advertisements.

I really wasn't prepared for what I saw. London hadn't been bombed in months, yet there were several hundred people sleeping beside the subway tracks. The trains came racing out of the darkness, like great caterpillars, stopped a moment and went on again. The platforms were none too wide, but all along the walls were rows of men and women sleeping on the tiled floors, with blankets over and under them.

In some parts of the "tubes," there were rows of double-decked cots along the walls. The cots bore numbers and the same people occupied them night after night. Some of them had been fixed up a bit, with blankets hanging down in front, like the curtains of a berth on a train. But most of them were open to the gaze of hundreds who passed by.

There were more women than men and they were in various stages of undress. Some never took off their clothes at all; other women were coming out of the lavatories with pyjamas or nightgowns showing below their dressing gowns. I saw no child, not over a year old, but there were three babies, one of them very tiny. An old couple, well dressed, sat together on the stone floor, taking their

things out of an expensive looking suitcase.

A stone stairway ran up 20 steps or so. Lying on it were six or seven men. They weren't crossways on the steps, because that would have impeded traffic, but they were lying up the stairs. The sharp, metal-bound edges dug into their sides in three or four places, but they slept on, while hundreds walked past them and the trains thundered by 20 feet away. I would not have believed it if I had not seen it.

My guide took me down to a lower level. There were more bunks. At the end of the row was a temporary first aid post, with two nurses in uniform. At a counter nearby, three girls were selling tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches.

I was more moved by these things than I had been since I arrived in London, but to the constable it was an old story. He was scornful: "A lot of foreigners what hasn't got any guts, sir, or lodging house folk that won't pay their rent. You can see for yourself, sir!"

I could see—a strangely assorted folk. They looked different to me than they did to him. He may have been right, but I thought I saw behind it the homes that had been destroyed and people with no place to go where they felt safe. Surely it took more than an ordinary terror to make people live like that. Yet he may have been right; after all, it is five months since the last bombing of that part of London.

As we went back upstairs, my new friend and guide explained about the Government. He said that the income tax was unfair, he said. Here he was, working for two days a week every week for the Government. He had been retired on a pension and they called him back to work—and then taxed his pay and pension as well. Yet he had a young nephew on the south coast—a publican, he was—that didn't have anything to do because his pub was in a prohibited area. He got a job as a carpenter, though he had no training. Building defence works, he was, and still at it, and he got 8 or 10 a week. He keeps changing from one job to another and nobody ever checks him up and he never paid any taxes. They say Bevin favors the trade unions anyway.

It sounded familiar. I thought of the carpenters at Camp Borden and a number of other complaints back home.

The constable had other criticisms to make while he had the ear of the Press. The Army should be helping the Russians. He had a son in the army for two years but doing nothing. Conscientious wasn't fairly enforced. A lot of young fellows got free, though they are calling up men of 45 now. He pointed to two young chaps in evening clothes (about the only ones I saw so dressed in London). They were drunk and leaning on each other. The constable said he saw the same ones every day. Why weren't they in the army?

I didn't know, so I said good-bye and reached the upper air again. Walking along Piccadilly, I passed several groups of loving couples. The men were mostly sailors. Some of them were singing. They had their arms around the girls. It was just dark enough for that.

I caught up to a pair not so loving. There was moonlight enough to see that he was an officer in the R. A. F. The woman said: "Well, I hope you are proud of yourself after that extinction!" The voice was full of bitterness. I thought he might hit her, but they turned in a doorway and were gone.

At Leicester Square, I paused, for there are several streets. (You know the lines of the song, of course—"Good-bye, Piccadilly; farewell, Leicester Square.") I stood at the curb looking at the streets across the circle. A shortish lady came along and bumped into me. There wasn't any need; the sidewalk was wide and it wasn't really dark.

"Sorry, sir," she said, so I asked her which way to the Strand.

"Down that way," she said, "But I am going this way. You coming this way?"

"No thanks!" I said and continued on my way south.

Trafalgar Square was familiar to me, day or night. I turned down past a bombed church and an ambulance passed me in the darkness with its bell clanging, and stopped at the next corner. As I walked past, a lady on a

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Local News Items

Many Strathmore friends of Mr. Arthur Hamilton who stayed with his uncle the late Rev. Father Cosman during the latter's pastorate in Strathmore will be interested to know he (Mr. Hamilton) will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood in St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Shrimpton entertained last Saturday at a unique and very happy tea, the occasion being in honor of her mother Mrs. Barnett's eightieth birthday. Despite the fact that she was the accident two years ago of a broken hip (now fortunately quite healed), time has dealt kindly with Mrs. Barnett and she thoroughly enjoyed a chat with the various guests who numbered about twelve. She was the recipient of pretty gifts from each accompanied with all good wishes. Delicious refreshments were served and a happy afternoon spent by all.

Pilot Officer A. Polley and wife spent several days with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Garrett last week.

Miss Jean Garrett has returned to Edmonton quite recovered from her operation.

Cpl. Wm. Keeling and wife spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keeling. Cpl. (Gully) Keeling has been transferred from Trenton to Macleod where they are opening up a new Posta Service for the R. C. A. F. in which Dept. he is enlisted.

Mrs. Melissen received Monday a letter from Leo who has now left hospital and is in a convalescent home, making a fair recovery which his Strathmore friends will be pleased to hear.

Tom Oldham, Jr. and Norman Taylor went up to Calgary Tuesday to enlist if possible in a branch of His Majesty's Forces.

The Tea given under auspices of St. Michael's Guild Saturday last was a very delightful affair. The tables adorned with sweet peas and the tempting salads served were commented on by many. Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Hildy presided at the Home Cooking table, while other members of the Guild looked after the Tea-room requirements. The tea netted the tidy sum of \$22.75.

A miscellaneous shower and dance given in Cairnhill School Tuesday, March 10th attracted about 70 guests who came to extend happy greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bremner (nee Jean Cormack). Dancing whiled away the happy hours. At midnight following the partaking of an abundance of good things to eat the happy couple were presented with a large number of useful and lovely gifts. Mrs. Robt. Watson making the presentation on behalf of the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Bremner expressed their thanks for all the kindness thus shown.

Lt. L. C. Van Tighe spent the week end at home en route to Winnipeg from Nanaimo, where he has spent the past six weeks taking a Small Arms Course. Leonard was looking very well and his Strathmore friends were pleased to see him again.

Mrs. Fred Hittle left Tuesday, March 10th for Verdun, Manitoba to join her husband who is now stationed there.

Mr. Calvin Bowen is now in the army and is in training at Vernon, B. C.

Address of Miss Lisbeth Robertson at W. M. S. Tea Saturday, March 21, at Mrs. White's home.



Andrew Garrett who is with the Albertan in Calgary spent the week end at home.

Carl Jones with a group of 16 young men left Calgary for Ottawa last week where they are under further training in the R. C. A. S. C.

Congratulations to Billy Frederick of Nightingale who was successful in winning 3rd prize in the recent Victory Loan poster contest which was open to all schools in the Province of Alberta, the 1st and 2nd going to Calgary schools. There were three Divisions, Billy winning in the Junior High.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Robertson (nee Elsie Carlson), a son, on March 16th, of Aldrie, Alta.

Mrs. Cecil Lambert was hostess at a very happy bridge of three tables Wednesday afternoon. Winners of pretty prizes were Mrs. J. Downie and Mrs. Ian MacKenzie. Mrs. Lambert entertained at a happily arranged bridge again Thursday afternoon.

Complimenting Mrs. Chas. Drury of Vancouver who was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ruppe, Mrs. Nicholl arranged three tables of bridge Wednesday when all enjoyed a very happy afternoon. Winners of pretty prizes were Mrs. Van Tighe and Mrs. T. S. Hughes.

Mrs. Leo McKenzie and Miss June Smith were joint hostesses at the home of the former Wednesday evening when St. Patrick favors formed the decoration motif. A musical concert of Irish Airs was won by Miss M. Gordon. Later bridge was played at two tables when Mrs. Anson Chase held the high score. Delicious refreshments and a happy hour over the coffee cups completed the evening.

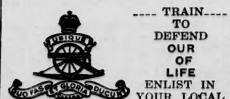
Complimenting Mrs. Carl Sorensen (nee Margaret Cormack) a large number of young friends of the bride arranged a happy social evening in the Strathmore Hotel Dining Room Wednesday evening. Various contests which, while the hours all too quickly. Two young girl friends dressed as bride and groom brought in an artistically decorated basket piled high with attractive and practical gifts, and presented them to Mrs. Sorensen, who expressed her very warm thanks to all for their kind wishes and pretty gifts. The music for the Wedding March was played by Miss Gerry Van Tighe. Following an abundance of choice refreshments the party numbering about 35, wended their several ways homeward after a very enjoyable evening.

Wednesday evening a number of "lonely husbands" whose wives had "left them" to go to one or other of the several parties being given, decided to console each other in their lonely and deserted state, by staging a party of their own. Bridge was discarded for Rummy and plenty of good eats. The loneliness was dispelled and a good time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson. Mrs. W. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Orr, all of Calgary spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dawson.

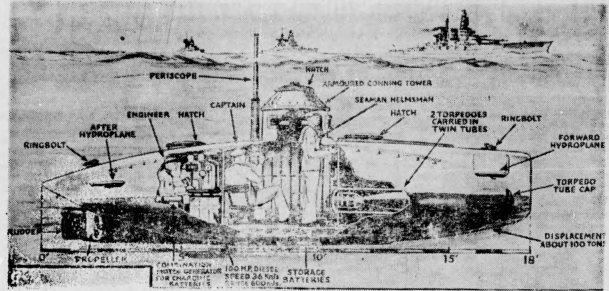
Duncan Gordon who is now stationed at Toronto was a Strathmore visitor last Friday when home on leave.

How accustomed we become to conveniences that a few years ago did not exist. The ban on trucks and bus service during the softening roads, necessitating re-arranging of plans in ample evidence.



23rd Battery, R.C.A.

AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF JAP "VEST POCKET" SUB



of the kind of my from an observation trip to Hawaii, said the Japs lost three submarines in the sneak raid. One was a two-man submarine that was sunk by depth charges.

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- 13—Creeping Red Fescue, 1-2 lb.
- 14—Raspberries, 12 plants.

Our supply of some of this material is quite limited so some substitution may be necessary.

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STILL SLEEP

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stretchers was taken in the little door. The last time I had been past that corner, a friend had pointed to that same door. "That's where they took me the night I smashed up my car in the big blitz," he had said. "That was the first time I had known he had been bombed."

I caught up to a very fat man at the next corner. He looked congenial. "Is this the Strand?" I asked. I knew it was, but that might be an opening.

"It is that," he said, "though it isn't like it used to be in the old days when it was so full of traffic that you couldn't cross it anywhere hereabouts."

He turned to me. "You're an American and don't remember it?"

I explained I was a Canadian. "I knew it was one or the other," he said, evidently thinking there was no real difference.

On a beautiful night like that, it was natural to turn to the weather next.

"Last year," he said, "they came over every night, moon or no moon." Little is never mentioned by name and the Germans seldom; it was "he or they." "About half-past eight, it was. You could set your watch by it. One hundred and sixty-eight nights without a break. Hell, it was. But I'd rather be in London in a blitz than have to live anywhere else. No place like London! An 'I'll live here while they leave two houses standing. But there's the entrance to your hotel across the street, sir."

We parted and I edged my way carefully along the Strand, and passed through the revolving door into the bright lights.

NOTE—This completes the series of 12 articles which I had agreed with the C. W. N. A. that I would write. I believe there may be some discussion at the meeting in Ottawa in March about whether any more are desired. Hope you and your readers liked them.

HUGH TEMPLIN.

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